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DID YOU KNOW?

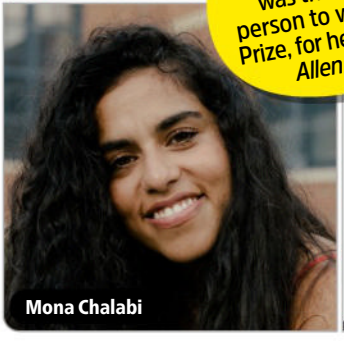
- Horses began living in the region in the early 1600s.
- Before this study, scientists thought horses came later.
- Indigenous history was a crucial part of the research.

Barbara Kingsolver

John Archibald

Anna Wolfe

DID YOU KNOW?
Poet Gwendolyn Brooks was the first Black person to win a Pulitzer Prize, for her book *Annie Allen* in 1950.


Mona Chalabi

Rhiannon Giddens

Hua Hsu

A prize for Eli Saslow

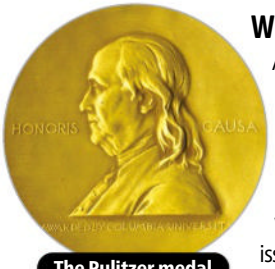
Eli Saslow, a reporter who was a guest speaker at sessions of *The Week Junior*'s Junior Council in 2021, won this year's Pulitzer for Feature Writing. Saslow was honored for articles he wrote for *The Washington Post* about Americans facing homelessness and inequality. He now works at *The New York Times*.

Pulitzer Prize winners announced

The winners of the 2023 Pulitzer Prizes, which are recognized as the nation's top awards for journalism, were announced on May 8. The prizes, given this year for the 107th time, also honor excellence in the arts, including books, drama, and music.

What are the Pulitzer Prizes?

There are 23 Pulitzers given out each year, 15 in journalism and eight in the arts. The prizes were established in 1917 by Joseph Pulitzer, a Hungarian American newspaper reporter who helped reshape journalism in the late 1800s. Pulitzer, the publisher of *The New York World* and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, fought against dishonest government and advocated for journalists to be trained at the college level. When he died, he left money to establish the Pulitzer Prizes as an incentive for excellence, recognizing nine categories. Since then, the prize board has increased the number of awards, which are administered by Columbia University in New York City. Winners are chosen by experts in the field of each prize and receive $15,000 each. The Public Service winner in the journalism competition receives a gold medal.



The Pulitzer medal

Who won the Public Service award?

The prize for Public Service, considered the Pulitzer's highest honor, went to the Associated Press (AP) for its coverage of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The board cited AP journalists' "courageous reporting" on Russia's attacks on the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, which revealed the war's toll on civilians (people who aren't in the military). The AP also won in the Breaking News Photography category for its coverage of the war. The board honored the "unique and urgent images" created after other news organizations left Mariupol that showed "the resilience of the Ukrainian people who were able to flee."

Who won other news awards?

Among the national newspapers honored, *The New York Times* won a Pulitzer for International Reporting for its coverage of the war in Ukraine. The *Los Angeles Times* won for Breaking News for revealing issues involving racism that affected local politics. Two Local Reporting prizes were also given out. Father and son John and Ramsey Archibald were part of a team at the Alabama news site AL.com that wrote a series of articles exposing misbehavior by one town's police department. Anna Wolfe of the Mississippi Today news website won for her coverage of corruption by a former governor of the state.

The winner for Illustrated Reporting and Commentary was Mona Chalabi of *The New York Times*. She created "striking illustrations" drawn from numerical data "to help readers understand the immense wealth and economic power of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos." Amy Driscoll of the *Miami Herald* won in the Editorial Writing category. She wrote a series of editorials (articles that express an opinion) on the failure of Florida public officials to deliver on many services paid for by taxpayers over a period of decades.

What were some of the arts awards?

For the first time in Pulitzer Prize history, two novels shared the Fiction prize: *Trust* by Hernan Diaz and *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. In General Nonfiction, the winner was *His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice* by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa. Floyd was killed by Minneapolis police officers in 2020. The Memoir or Autobiography prize went to Hua Hsu for his book *Stay True*, about the author's close college friendship with another student. Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels won the Music prize for writing and composing *Omar*, which the board called "an innovative and compelling opera."

FUN FACT
The oldest and largest Chinatown in the US, established in 1848, is in San Francisco, California.

Voters elect new leader in Thailand

On May 14, a record number of voters, including 3 million first-time voters, elected Pita Limjaroenrat and his Move Forward Party (MFP) to lead Thailand. The election ended nine years of military rule. Political experts said the vote is a win for democracy (government with leaders chosen by the people).

Thailand is a constitutional monarchy, with a royal family and an elected prime minister (similar to a President). But in 2014, a military party seized power. Under its rule, people were punished for criticizing the monarchy, internet access was limited, and a nationwide curfew was enforced. In recent years, young Thai people have been leading protests and demanding change.

In Thailand, people vote for members of parliament (similar to Congress). The leader of the party with the most members typically becomes prime minister. The MFP ran on promises to reform the government and monarchy and keep the military out of politics. "People have had enough," said Limjaroenrat, age 42, after declaring victory. "Now it's a new day."

Pita Limjaroenrat

Chinatown in Seattle, Washington

A call to save historic sites in US

An organization dedicated to preserving culturally significant locations in the US has named the 11 most endangered historic places for 2023. The National Trust for Historic Preservation raises awareness of sites that are at risk of falling apart or being torn down and works to save them. This year's list includes whole neighborhoods, artists' homes, a gas station, and skyscrapers. The National Trust has released the list since 1988.

Among the listed places are historically diverse neighborhoods. In Washington, the Seattle Chinatown-International District has been an important hub for Asian Americans for more than 100 years. Immigrants from China, Japan, Vietnam, and other countries built it and have lived there together, but development threatens to disrupt the neighborhood. Chinatown in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was established in 1871 and is one of the oldest in the US. A new basketball arena nearby could drive out families and businesses. In Little Santo Domingo in Miami, Florida, Spanish-speaking people are at risk of being forced out by rising costs.

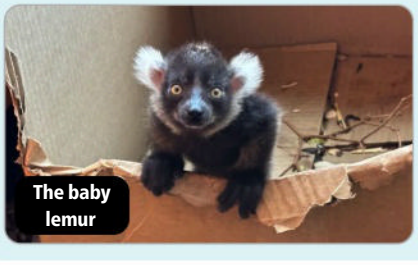
Several sites important to Black history are also included. One is a cemetery for enslaved people that dates back to 1828. It has been damaged by power and cable companies. The homes of two prominent Black artists, L.V. Hull and Henry Ossawa Tanner, have fallen into disrepair. A church in New Orleans, Louisiana, where early jazz music was played, has been heavily damaged by hurricanes.

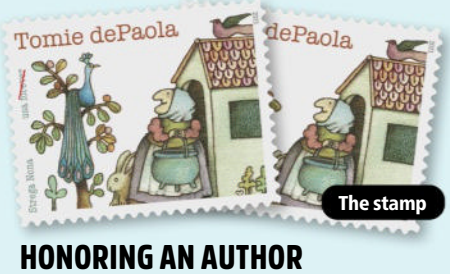
The National Trust has helped save almost all the 350 sites it has listed over the years. More information can be found at savingplaces.org.

IT'S AN AMAZING WEEK FOR...

A JOYFUL BIRTH

The Calgary Zoo in Canada welcomed a baby black-and-white ruffed lemur, one of the 25 most endangered primates in the world. The pup plays "an important role in the survival and well-being of its species," said the zoo.


The baby lemur



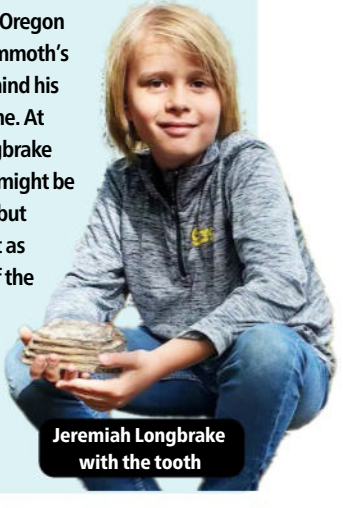
The stamp

HONORING AN AUTHOR

A new stamp from the US Postal Service (USPS) honors award-winning children's author and illustrator Tomie dePaola. The stamp features art from *Strega Nona*, one of his most beloved books. The USPS said one of the themes of dePaola's work is that "love and kindness underscore all."

A MAMMOTH FIND

A 9-year-old boy in Oregon found part of a mammoth's tooth in a creek behind his grandmother's home. At first, Jeremiah Longbrake thought the object might be a plastic container, but experts identified it as belonging to one of the massive tusked creatures that lived at least 10,000 years ago. "I felt pretty, pretty excited," he said.


Jeremiah Longbrake with the tooth

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WOW! The middle-grade novel *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio has spent 394 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

A new law would penalize Illinois public schools and libraries that ban books.

Illinois fact file

ILLINOIS

- **CAPITAL:** Springfield
- **POPULATION:** 12.58 million
- **NICKNAME:** Prairie State
- **HISTORY:** Joined the US in 1818, as the 21st state
- **GEOGRAPHY:** Borders five states and Lake Michigan
- **ECONOMY:** Several top global companies are based in Illinois. Agriculture and manufacturing are large industries in the state.

Illinois takes action on book bans

Lawmakers in the Illinois Senate (half of the state legislature, which makes laws) have voted to pass a law that would discourage public schools and libraries from banning books. A book ban is when a book is removed from a school or library because someone objects to its content.

What happened?

The law will require the state's 1,600 public schools and public libraries to prohibit book bans in order to receive state funding. The state sends about $62 million to these institutions every year, providing a significant part of their budget. As a result, schools and libraries that remove books from their shelves may not have enough money to operate. The vote was 39–19, with all Democrats in favor and all Republicans opposed. In March, the bill passed the House of Representatives (the other half of the state legislature) along party lines, by a vote of 66–39. If signed into law, the ruling would be the first of its kind enacted by a US state.

How did the bill come about?

Alexi Giannoulias, the Illinois secretary of state and a Democrat, said he proposed the law after reading about growing efforts to ban books. The American Library Association said there were more than 1,200 attempts to ban books in 2022, the most since the group began gathering data 20 years ago. Parents and others have been challenging books that include language, political views, or topics they disagree with or find offensive. To bring the bill to a vote, Giannoulias worked with state representative Anne Stava-Murray, a Democrat. A community in Stava-Murray's district had debated banning a book but then voted against it.

How have people reacted?

Democrats said the bill was a win for upholding the First Amendment of the Constitution (highest US law), which guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Republicans said their goal is to ensure that books circulated in public schools and libraries are age appropriate and that communities shouldn't have to deal with this law.

What will happen next?

When *The Week Junior* went to press on May 16, JB Pritzker, the governor (top leader) of Illinois and a Democrat, was widely expected to sign the bill into law. The law would go into effect in January 2024.

WORD OF THE WEEK

MEDAL

Medals come in many sizes and metals, but when the word was born it described a coin. The Latin *medalia* meant "half a denarius," a silver coin used as money in ancient Rome. As the word was taken up in other languages, including English, it was used to describe the metal discs awarded to a winner because they looked like the Roman coins.

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

May 25, 1968

The Gateway Arch is dedicated

On May 25, 1968, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri was dedicated by US Vice President Hubert Humphrey. The monument was appropriate, he said, because St. Louis was the "Gateway to the West." The tallest arch in the world at a height of 630 feet, it was built to mark the nation's western expansion. Its 1.6 million visitors a year can ride a tram to the top to view the city and surrounding areas.

The landmark in St. Louis, Missouri

Country music prizes awarded

The 58th annual Academy of Country Music Awards, hosted by music legends Dolly Parton and Garth Brooks, were televised from the Ford Center in Frisco, Texas, on May 11. Prizes were handed out in 14 categories. Entertainer of the Year went to singer-songwriter Chris Stapleton. Singer-songwriter Lainey Wilson won four awards, including Album of the Year for *Bell Bottom Country* and Female Artist of the Year.

First look at NYC soccer stadium

New York City Football Club (NYCFC) has released the first look at the plans for its new $780 million soccer stadium to be built in Queens, a borough of New York City. Set to open for the 2027 Major League Soccer season, it will be the city's first stadium dedicated to the sport and will seat 25,000 people. The development will also include public space, shops, a school, a hotel, and affordable housing.

Sesame Street has new muppet

Sesame Street, the award-winning children's TV series, has a new friend on the block. TJ, age 4, is the show's first Filipino muppet. He is a second-generation Filipino American who loves playing basketball and gardening with his grandparents. In his first segment, TJ appeared with muppet Ji-Young, the show's first Asian American muppet, to discuss "confidence," the word of the day.

Buddy Holly was named Best in Show.
TOP DOGS
Wire fox terriers have won the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show 12 times, the most of any breed.

Major win at famous dog show

A petit basset griffon Vendéen (PBGV) named Buddy Holly won the top prize at the 147th Westminster Kennel Club (WKC) Dog Show on May 9, the first of his breed to ever do so. The annual event is the nation's most prestigious dog show and was held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens, New York.

Buddy Holly was awarded the first place trophy known as Best in Show. Prior to the final round, the 6-year-old from California had won in the hound group. He displayed key physical features that are important to his breed, such as a mustache and long eyebrows. Most important, said a WKC spokesperson, he had the confident, friendly attitude that PBGVs are known for.

Established in New York City in 1877, the WKC is the oldest organization dedicated to the sport of dogs. Its dog show is the second-longest continuously held sporting event in the US, after the Kentucky Derby, a horse race.

In the show, the dogs are judged using standards set by the American Kennel Club. Currently, the club recognizes 210 breeds and varieties. Dogs compete in one of seven groups: herding, hound, non-sporting, sporting, terrier, toy, and working. The dogs are brought to a ring where their handlers (people who train dogs for shows) walk them around and present them to the judges for their category. There is only one Best in Show judge, and this year's judge was Beth Sweigart, a former breeder and handler.

More than 2,500 dogs competed in the event. A Pekingese named Rummie, who first won in the toy group, was named Reserve Best in Show, which is the award given to the runner-up.

"I have dreamed of this since I was 9 years old," Janice Hayes, one of Buddy Holly's owners, told *The New York Times* in an interview about his win. She said he will now retire from competition so he can go back to being a regular dog.

THE WEEK'S SILLIEST HEADLINE

"Moose wanders into Alaska movie theater, eats popcorn" ***UPI***

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Around the world

Damage from the fires

Alberta, Canada
More wildfires expected

Officials in Alberta warned residents that the province could experience more wildfires this week due to hot, dry, and windy conditions. In recent weeks, more than 100 wildfires have swept through Alberta, forcing about 30,000 people to evacuate. As *The Week Junior* went to press, about 90 wildfires were burning. Federal agencies are providing additional firefighting support and help with evacuating residents in remote locations.

Coquí frogs

Puerto Rico
Hot frogs croak at higher pitch

Researchers report that coquí frogs are croaking at a higher pitch. The frogs are decreasing in size, which causes their calls to be higher-pitched. More than 20 years ago, frogs at high, cooler altitudes on El Yunque mountain were larger and made lower-pitched calls than frogs near the mountain's base. The new study found that every frog's call is high-pitched, no matter where it lives. Researchers attributed the change to global warming.

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Turkey
Presidential election goes to runoff

The Turkish election, which is deciding whether President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan stays in power, will go to a runoff (second round of voting) on May 28. Erdoğan, who has been in power for 20 years, failed to secure 50% of the vote, which is needed to win. Election authorities said Erdoğan got 49.5% and his main challenger, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, got 45%.

United Kingdom
Swedish singer wins Eurovision

On May 13, Swedish singer Loreen became the first woman to win the Eurovision Song Contest twice. She first won for Sweden in 2012. The international contest featured 37 countries performing original songs. Ukraine won in 2022 and would have hosted this year's contest, but the UK hosted on behalf of the war-torn country.

Loreen with the trophy

South Africa
Honor for speaker of an endangered language

Katrina Esau, age 90, has been honored by the University of Cape Town for protecting the N|uu language for future generations. Esau is the last known person to speak fluent N|uu, the language of a group of people who lived in Africa before white Europeans arrived and took over. She stopped speaking N|uu as a child when she was told it was "ugly," but in 2005 she began teaching it to children.

Katrina Esau at the university

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A type of e-road being tested

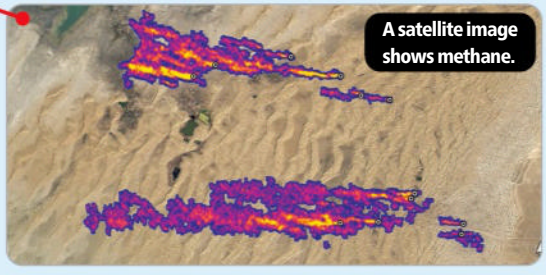
Sweden
Electric road to recharge cars

The world's first permanent electrified highway will be built between the towns of Hallsberg and Örebro. The 13-mile "e-road," which should open by 2025, will allow electric vehicles to recharge as they drive. This means vehicles with smaller batteries will be able to travel longer distances without stopping to charge.

One of the hobbit houses

Rakova Noga, Bosnia
Hobbit houses attract visitors

Four sisters are building a hobbit-style village based on *The Lord of the Rings.* They hope to attract tourists and fans of the books and films to Rakova Noga, where the sisters grew up. They have built two houses with round windows and doors, and three more will be completed soon. Each sister will design a house's interior. People are already coming to see the village, which is surrounded by hills and overlooks a lake.


A satellite image shows methane.

Turkmenistan
Satellite images reveal methane leaks

New satellite data show that Turkmenistan leads the world in methane leaks. Methane, an invisible gas that causes climate change, was hard to detect before new satellite technology. Experts say a change made by oil and gas producers from burning methane to venting the gas (releasing it into the air unburned) has led to the leaks. After Turkmenistan, the US is the second leading producer of methane emissions in the world.

Pakistan
Former leader calls for mass protests

Former prime minister Imran Khan has called on people to join mass "freedom" protests to ask for a general election (nationwide vote for a new government). Khan, who was in office from 2018 to 2022, wants to lead the country again. He was recently arrested for corruption (when people in power behave dishonestly to benefit themselves). The charges were declared illegal, however, and he was freed.

Imran Khan outside court

Some of the young "monks"

Seoul, South Korea
Children celebrate Buddha's birthday

As part of an annual tradition, nine children were selected to experience life as Buddhist monks for three weeks to celebrate Buddha's upcoming birthday on May 27. Monks are men who devote their lives to their religion and live together. In a ceremony at Jogyesa temple, the children wore traditional robes and their heads were shaved to resemble the head of a monk.

Is taking selfies bad for nature?

Some people say the perfect photo isn't worth putting plants and animals at risk.

What you need to know

- It's common for people to post photos of themselves with animals or in wild or protected natural areas.
- In 2019, hundreds of thousands of people flocked to a large blossoming of wildflowers called a superbloom in California, causing major traffic jams and trampling the flowers.
- Many visitors to US national parks try to take pictures with bison or bears. The National Park Service posts reminders on social media for people to avoid getting too close to wildlife.

PLANET PICTURE
For Earth Day in 2014, a "Global Selfie" was created from 36,422 selfies taken around the world.

As a spectacular wildflower superbloom began in Lake Elsinore, California, this spring, the city's mayor announced that blooming areas would be off-limits to visitors. She said that during the last superbloom in 2019, people with selfie sticks wandered off the trails to take photos and "trampled the very habitat that they…sought to enjoy." People also seek out selfies with animals in the wild, which experts say puts the animals and humans at risk. But selfie-loving folks say there's no problem as long as people are careful around plants and animals. What do you think? Is taking selfies bad for nature?

Yes—selfies are selfish and risky

When people pose with wild animals or against a gorgeous natural backdrop, they can be so focused on taking photos that they forget where they are. They get so caught up in getting the perfect selfie that they're not even fully enjoying the beauty around them. They step off marked trails, drop trash, stomp on plants, and scare or stress out the animals. In fact, people sometimes forget common sense altogether, get too close to the animals, and get attacked. Because of this behavior, park officials have to spend their time protecting visitors rather than taking care of the park.

No—photo sharing is caring

Most people want to be respectful of the environment, and they can learn to be careful. Signs and barriers can be put up to prevent visitors from stepping in the wrong places or acting in harmful ways. Besides, selfies are an important way for people to share their passions with others. A popular photo can inspire many more people to visit natural areas and contribute to conservation efforts to safeguard the land or endangered animals. Showing our planet's magnificence through photos is a great way to encourage people to protect it. In the end, selfies could make up for any harm they have caused by doing a lot of good.

YES Three reasons why taking selfies is bad for nature

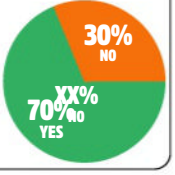
1. People sometimes treat animals and plants poorly—or even put them in danger—while taking photos.
2. When people are focused on getting the perfect shot, they're not enjoying nature.
3. It's harder for experts to take care of natural areas when they're busy keeping selfie-lovers safe.

NO Three reasons why taking selfies is not bad for nature

1. People can learn to be respectful and take pictures responsibly. Parks can set rules for visitors and enforce them.
2. Selfies allow people to share their appreciation for Earth's natural beauty.
3. Posting photos encourages others to do their part to protect the planet. Selfies will ultimately do more good than harm.

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Last week, we asked you if it's better to watch movies at home. Most of you said you would rather cozy up on the couch than go out to a theater.



What do you think?

Now that you've read a bit more about this issue, visit kids.theweekjunior.com/polls so you can vote in our debate. Vote YES if you think taking selfies is bad for nature or NO if you don't. We'll publish the results next week.

The goal of the big debate is to present two sides of an issue fairly in order to stimulate discussion and allow our readers to make up their minds. The views on this page do not reflect those of *The Week Junior*, and the page is not funded by third parties.

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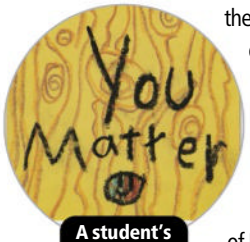
Displaying children's art

Gallery owner Hannah Traore finds inspiration in her community.

As the owner of an art gallery in New York City, Hannah Traore focuses on celebrating artists who may have been overlooked. For a recent exhibit, she found those artists in her community. Titled *Our Neighborhood: Seen Through the Eyes of the Anna Silver School, The Benjamin Altman School & The Island School*, the exhibit featured the work of about 150 young people who attend elementary schools in the neighborhood where Hannah Traore Gallery is located.



A student's artwork

Traore, age 28, began by contacting the schools and inviting students to create work based on the theme of "our neighborhood." After displaying their work, she hosted an opening party for them. "I'm hearing them explain their process and choice in color and seeing how proud they were," Traore told *The Week Junior* about the joy of meeting the students.

As a Black gallery owner, Traore said she wants to be a positive role model for the students in her community, many of whom are children of color. "I hope it makes them realize that there's so many different things they can do in the world," she said.

Traore grew up in Canada, studied art history in college, and later worked as an intern at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. She said her love of art was inspired by her mom.

The mission of her gallery will continue to be to uplift her community. "I think a lot of people plop down in a neighborhood and don't actually engage," she said. "What better way to engage with the community than with children?"

Hannah Traore

DID YOU KNOW?
There are more than 1,000 art galleries in New York City.

Mayor takes office

At age 26, Ryosuke Takashima is the youngest person in Japanese history to serve as a mayor. He was elected mayor of the city of Ashiya and began work on May 1. A graduate of Harvard University in Massachusetts, Takashima campaigned on a promise to improve education and create more public spaces and parks in Ashiya. He said his lack of political experience could benefit him because he is unafraid to ask questions and learn. "I want to make Ashiya the best place to live in the world," he said.

Ryosuke Takashima

Drew Maggi

Player makes it big

After playing 1,155 games during 13 seasons of minor league baseball, Drew Maggi, age 33, suited up for his first Major League Baseball game with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Maggi, who was called up from the Altoona Curve, the Pirates' minor league team, received a standing ovation from the crowd as he walked to the plate for his first at-bat. In his second game, he got his first major league hit. Although Maggi has now returned to playing for the Curve, he told *The Athletic*, "Never give up no matter what you're doing. If you love something, go for it."

OVERHEARD

"Barriers aren't there to stop you. They're to go over."
Award-winning singer Darlene Love, age 81, reflecting on her successful music career

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TIGER TRACES
The footprints of tigers and most other large mammals are called "pugmarks."

Some Amur tigers are steady and tolerant.

Tiger population doubles

The World Wildlife Fund says there are now 3,167 tigers in India. That means the big cat's population has doubled since 2006 and now makes up 70% of the world's wild tigers. Nature reserves have been created for the tigers, but this has forced local people out of the areas where they have lived for centuries.

Amur tigers have personality

A group of researchers studying the behavior of Amur tigers, also known as Siberian tigers, have found that they have different personality types that help them survive and raise their cubs.

Amur tigers are the largest cats in the world. They live in vast forests in wilderness areas of eastern Russia and in protected areas of northern China. There are about 400 of these tigers left in the wild, although there are probably hundreds more living in captivity.

A tiger cub

The researchers based the study on a human test called "The Big Five," which scores people on five personality traits. They asked veterinarians and feeders working with 248 cats in two sanctuaries (including the world's largest semi-wild tiger sanctuary) to observe the tigers and answer 70 questions about their personalities.

The results divided the tigers into two groups, which the researchers described as having either "majesty" or "steadiness." Tigers in the majesty category were those that appeared "dignified, imposing, and ambitious." The tigers in the steadiness category were "sincere, tolerant, and frank."

Majestic tigers had a higher social status, spent more time hunting live animals, and mated and ate more. The steady tigers seemed more gentle and loving toward one another. Rosalind Arden, co-author of the study, told the AFP news agency, "It's pleasant to see that you don't have to be dominant, fierce, competitive, and aggressive in order to succeed as a tiger."

There were female and male tigers in both categories. In fact, Amur tigers are rare in that fathers often help raise the cubs. Having a steady personality could play a role in the relatively long amount of time—two to three years—that tiger cubs stay with their parents.

The researchers say both personalities have advantages that help the tigers survive threats, including loss of habitat and hunting. The team hopes the study will encourage more support for the tigers and their protected reserves.

PLACE OF THE WEEK

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, Alaska

This untouched wilderness is one of the most remote national parks in the country, lying entirely above the Arctic Circle. It has no roads or marked trails and can be accessed only by air or with a challenging hike. The preserve is home to six rivers, which people and animals have used for centuries as pathways through the wilderness. Part of the Brooks Range, the northernmost mountain range in the US, also runs through the park. This wild landscape is an important habitat for animals like caribou, Dall's sheep, muskox, and Alaska's state bird, the willow ptarmigan.

A willow ptarmigan

SEA STAT
This year's bloom of seaweed in the Atlantic Ocean spans more than 5,000 miles.

Sargassum seaweed on a beach in Mexico

Seaweed bloom heading for the coast

A record amount of brown seaweed called sargassum has been found floating in the Atlantic Ocean. Large clumps have already started washing ashore in Florida and Mexico, and more is expected to end up on shores this summer.

Sargassum is a type of algae (a plant-like living thing that grows in water). In the ocean, it serves as a habitat for creatures such as sea turtles, crabs, and shrimp. Since 2011, large amounts of sargassum have been forming in the Atlantic, where winds and ocean currents carry it west during the spring and summer. Scientists are not certain what caused the recent growth, although changes in ocean circulation patterns and chemicals entering the ocean from rivers are two likely factors.

In March, scientists in Florida used satellite images to estimate that there were about 13 millions tons of sargassum in the Atlantic, the highest amount on record for that time of year. This poses a problem for beachgoers because the seaweed starts to smell like rotten eggs after it lands on a beach, and it can also harm water quality.

Animal of the week: Western lowland gorilla

Fatou, the world's oldest known living gorilla, recently celebrated her 66th birthday at the Berlin Zoo. A keeper told VOA News that it was special for this critically endangered species to live past age 60, even when cared for in a zoo.

- **LIFE SPAN:** 30 to 40 years in the wild
- **HABITAT:** Tropical rainforests in Africa
- **SIZE:** Up to 500 pounds and 6 feet standing up
- **DIET:** Fruits, leaves, bark, and pulp
- **FUN FACT:** These gorillas make 22 different sounds, including screams, barks, and roars.

Good week / Bad week

Eastern tiger salamander

Experts are working to save these rare creatures, which have lived in the eastern US since the ice ages. They are placing newly hatched salamander larvae from North Carolina in habitats in southeastern Virginia to regrow the population there.

Long-spined sea urchins

Scientists have discovered that a parasite (a living thing that feeds off other living things) called philaster has been killing many sea urchins in the US and the Caribbean. Philaster makes the urchins lose their spines and their suction skills.

ASK AN EXPERT

"Why are bald eagles called bald if they have feathers on their heads?" Jane, 11, North Carolina

Sara Morgan
Senior keeper,
Oregon Zoo

Bald eagles aren't bald, but their white heads look different from their darker brown bodies. Their heads and bodies are covered in feathers that keep them warm and help them fly. The name "bald eagle" comes from an Old English word, "balde," which means white.

A bald eagle

Do you have a question for an animal expert? Send it to *hello@theweekjunior.com*. Find out more about the Oregon Zoo at oregonzoo.org.

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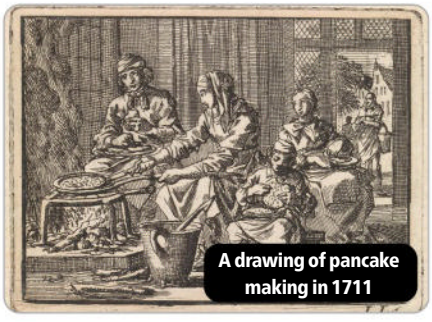
A tall, fluffy stack of

Pancakes have been a favorite food since ancient times.

For hundreds of years, people have been mixing flour and milk to make pancakes. How did this culinary tradition start?



A drawing of pancake making in 1711

History of pancakes

Ancient Greeks and Romans cooked flat hotcakes as early as 500 BCE. The origins of the word "pancake" in the English language came from *panecake* or *ponkake* during the Middle Ages (476–1450 CE). It was also during medieval times that the holiday Shrove Tuesday (the day before the Christian observance of Lent starts) began to be known as Pancake Day in the UK. This tradition was a way for Christians to use up perishable foods like butter and eggs before Lent, when people often give up certain foods. The UK still celebrates Pancake Day with pancake-flipping contests.

Amelia Simmons

Pancakes in the US

Native Americans made a version of a pancake, called *nokehick* (sometimes pronounced "no-cake"), using soft cornmeal. In the 1600s and 1700s, Dutch and British colonists brought their pancake recipes with them when they settled in America. Pancakes were considered the food of the working class because they were inexpensive and easy to make, using common ingredients like eggs, water, flour, and sugar. The first US President, George Washington, ate pancakes covered with butter and honey for breakfast. In 1796, author Amelia Simmons featured two pancake recipes in her popular cookbook, *American Cookery*.

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FUN FACT
The five states that love pancakes the most are Vermont, Hawaii, Oregon, Illinois, and New Jersey.

DID YOU KNOW?
In the 1600s, the famous writer William Shakespeare mentioned pancakes in several of his plays.

A global favorite

China: *Jianbing*

Variations on pancakes are popular around the world. In China, jianbing is a crispy fried crepe filled with bold flavors and hot sauces.

Ethiopia: *Injera*

This sourdough flatbread is a staple in Ethiopia, similar to bread in the US. With a spongy texture and small holes throughout, it is held in the hand and used like a spoon to scoop up stews and sauces.

deliciousness

WOW! The largest pancake certified by Guinness World Records was more than 49 feet across and weighed 6,614 pounds.

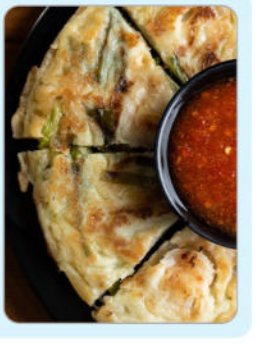
About 75 billion pancakes are eaten in the US each year.

India: *Cheela*

Savory or sweet, this unleavened pancake is usually made with lentils or flour. It is then pan-fried and served crispy. Cheela (also called chilla) is commonly enjoyed plain or with chutney.

Korea: *Buchimgae*

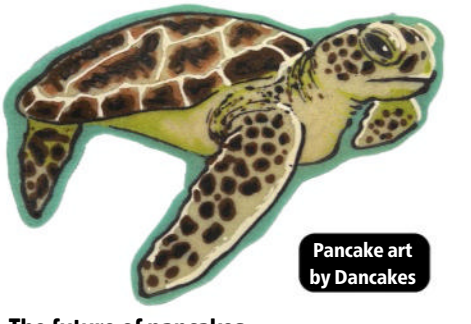
This savory pan-fried pancake refers to ingredients dipped in egg or batter and mixed with other items. People can customize buchimgae to suit their own preferences, from vegetables to seafood.



One of the first pancake restaurants

Pancakes spread across the US

Over time, the popularity of pancakes grew throughout America. By the 1800s, many US households had discovered maple syrup—a less expensive sweetener than sugar at the time—and began pouring it over pancakes. In the early 1900s, pancake mix became a grocery staple and pancakes were even easier to make at home. Across the US, pancakes came to be known by multiple nicknames, like flapjacks, johnnycakes, griddle cakes, and hotcakes. In 1953, Les Highet and Erma Hueneke, who collected pancake recipes from around the world, opened the first restaurant dedicated to pancakes: The Original Pancake House, in Portland, Oregon. Today, there are more than 100 locations of The Original Pancake House in the US.



Pancake art by Dancakes

The future of pancakes

The market for pancakes, one of America's favorite breakfast foods, continues to grow as new trends evolve. Restaurants feature seasonally inspired varieties like pumpkin spice in the fall, cranberry vanilla in winter, lemon poppy seed in spring, and peach in summer. Pancakes are also being transformed into works of edible art. Using squeeze bottles and food coloring, creators make pancakes in the likenesses of animals, superheroes, famous people, and more. Dancakes is a leader in pancake art, with artists hosting live and online pancake-making events around the world.

A popular topping: maple syrup

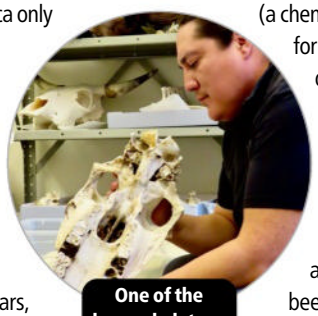
BIG CHANGE
The first ancestors of modern horses appeared about 55 million years ago and were about the size of dogs.

These horses are descendants of horses from the 1600s.

Rewriting history of horses in the West

Horses lived in the American West by the early 1600s, well before Spanish explorers arrived in the region in the late 1600s, a new study has found. In addition, they were an important part of the culture of Indigenous peoples (the first known people to have inhabited a place) in the area at the time. The study contradicts the belief that horses spread through this part of America only after the Spanish got there.

When Spanish explorers arrived in Mexico and what is now the southern US in the 1400s and 1500s, they brought horses and other animals with them. Some of the horses escaped and spread into what is now the western US. For many years, Indigenous groups have said that their ancestors encountered the horses long before they met any Spanish explorers. They knew this from oral histories, which are stories older people tell aloud to younger ones.



One of the horse skeletons

But for a long time, non-Indigenous historians had a different timeline of events. They thought horses did not spread in the American West until after the Spanish arrived. They believed Indigenous people gained access to Spanish horses after the Pueblo Revolt of 1680. During that event, Indigenous people forced Spanish colonists out of New Mexico, and the Spanish left their horses behind.

A team of scientists, including many from Indigenous tribes, studied the remains of about 24 horses found in states such as Kansas, Idaho, and New Mexico. They analyzed the animals' DNA (a chemical that carries instructions for how a living thing grows and develops) and used a technique called radiocarbon dating.

They determined that many of the horses lived in the early 1600s. There was evidence, such as wear on their teeth from a mouth bit, that the horses had been ridden or cared for by people. There were signs that one horse was cared for after breaking a bone. Another horse found in Wyoming appeared to have been given a ceremonial burial alongside three coyotes.

The findings show that Indigenous oral histories provide a valid view of the past that historians should take into account. "Our cultures have been so misrepresented for so long," said Yvette Running Horse Collin, an author of the study and a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation. "Too often history has been told around us, without us."

Early images of horses

A Tolar carving

Depictions of Indigenous Americans riding horses can be seen at the Tolar Petroglyph Site, near Sweetwater, Wyoming. Petroglyphs are images in rock made by carving out part of the rock's surface to reveal a lighter-shaded underlayer. The art at the Tolar Petroglyph Site consists of 32 panels of images that stretch across nearly 500 feet of rock. In addition to the horses, the panels include bears, a turtle, and warriors carrying shields.

The images are believed to have been finished within the past 500 years. Experts believe they were most likely created by the Shoshone and Comanche peoples. The site of the carvings has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

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Hotter temperatures causing more home runs

Home runs have been on the rise in Major League Baseball (MLB), and a new study suggests that air temperature could be a factor. Researchers attributed more than 500 home runs hit since 2010 to warmer temperatures.

The warmer air gets, the less dense it becomes, meaning there will be less resistance on the ball as it flies through the air. Temperatures have been steadily rising, primarily due to climate change and the emission of greenhouse gases (gases that remain in Earth's atmosphere and trap heat, causing the planet to warm up).

WOW! The 2019 baseball season had the most total home runs in MLB history, with 6,776 homers.

Researchers looked at data from more than 100,000 MLB games and more than 220,000 hits from 1962 through 2019. They also looked at recorded game day temperatures.

They concluded that higher temperatures make home runs more likely. As the planet continues to heat up, the number of home runs will probably increase too. Teams could counter this effect by playing more games at night or building domes over stadiums, the researchers said.

The scientists believe climate change is one of many factors affecting the increase in home runs. "These are ultimately lighthearted findings, but we think they highlight the ways that climate change is going to restructure every aspect of our lives," said Christopher Callahan, a researcher at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and an author of the study.

Changes to baseballs and hitting technique have also boosted the number of homers.

The tool is made from animal bone.

Ancient tool for making clothing found

Scientists identified a 39,000-year-old animal bone fragment as one of the earliest tools used to make clothing. The fragment is just over 3 inches long and was found in Spain.

The bone has 28 indentations. Ten are round and evenly spaced, which the scientists knew were too consistent to be accidental. They suspected that the tool was a kind of punch board that was placed under leather while a person poked holes in the animal hide.

To confirm this theory, they tried to re-create the marks on a modern cow bone fragment. When they used stone to tap holes in a piece of leather placed over the bone, they made marks that were most similar to the ones on the ancient tool.

The team thinks the 10 holes were used to make a seam. "The first modern humans who lived in Europe had the technology in their tool kit for making fitted clothes," said Luc Doyon, an author of the study.

AMAZING INVENTION

A way to grow mushrooms

Mella

A smart mushroom chamber called Mella makes it easy to grow mushrooms at home. Mushrooms need just the right environment to grow properly, and the appliance creates a stable environment with the ideal temperature, humidity (moisture), and light.

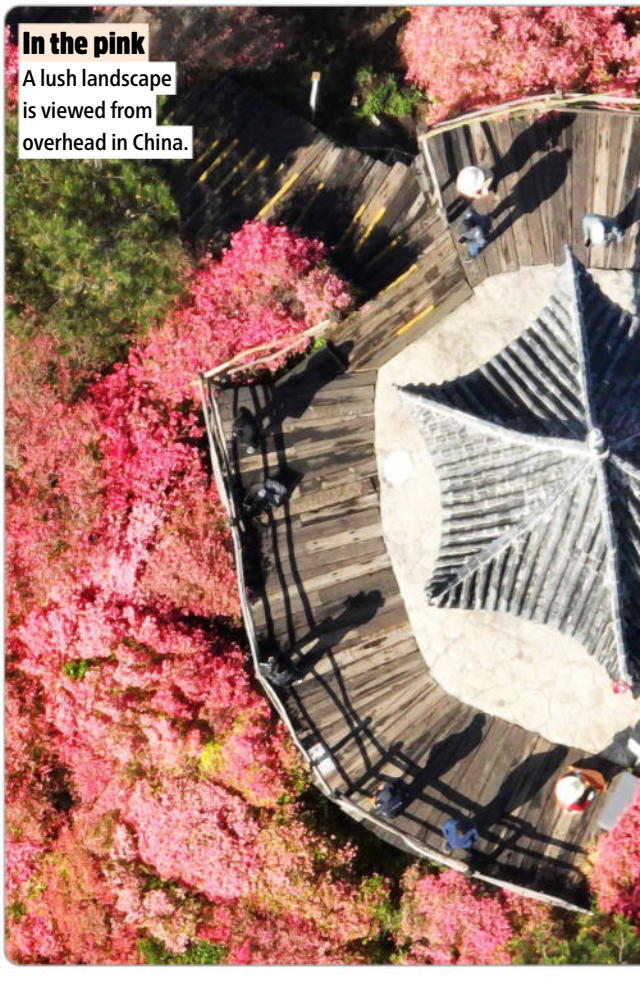
Mella is about the size of a countertop oven and made with clear acrylic panels. Air circulates through the chamber, and a tray with water and a filter keep the box humid. LED lighting provides the right amount of light. Users can grow different varieties of mushrooms at the same time.

Photos of the week

Balancing act
Swallows perch on a wire at sunset in Brazil.

READER PHOTO

Just stopping by
Tova, age 10, of Florida snapped this picture of a butterfly at a botanical garden.



In the pink
A lush landscape is viewed from overhead in China.

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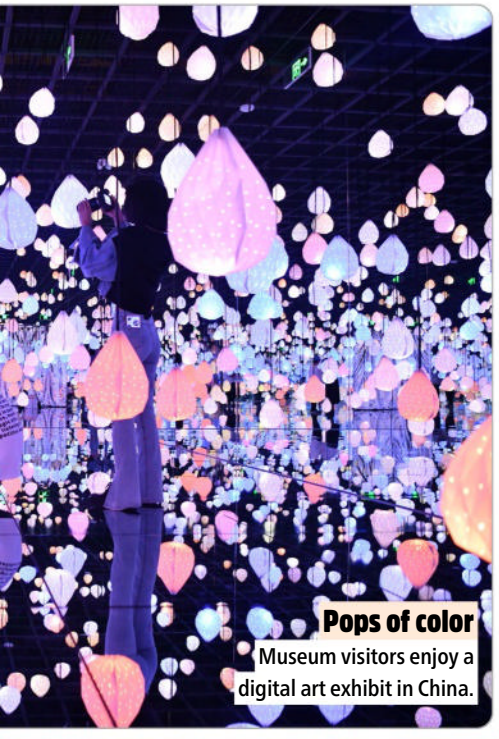
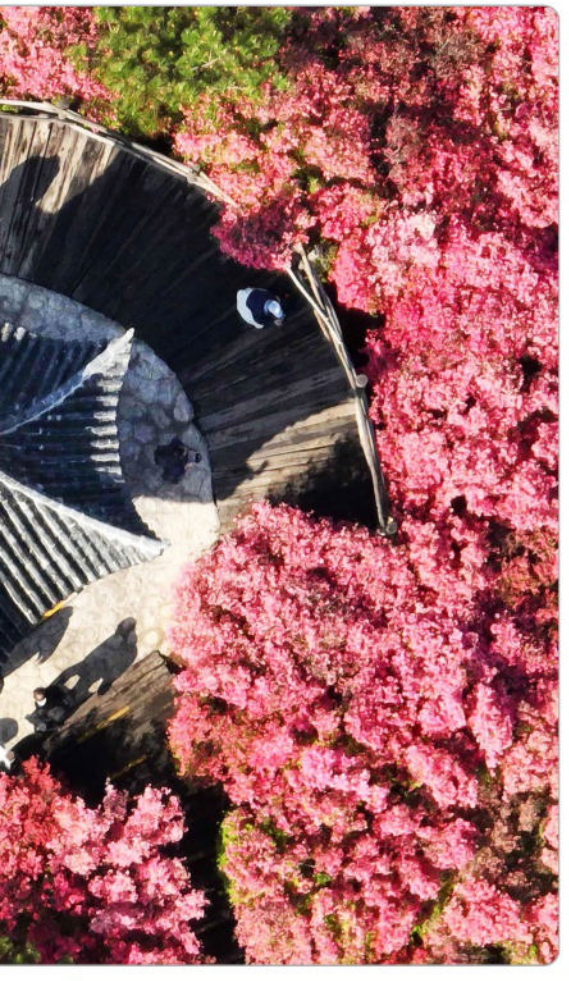


Pops of color
Museum visitors enjoy a digital art exhibit in China.

Ready to go
Swiss driver Léna Bühler prepares to race in Austria.



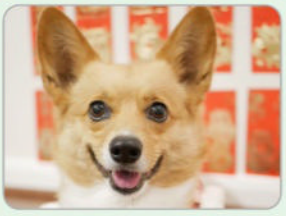
READER PHOTO

Floating along
This photo of marine life was taken by Allora, age 10, of New Jersey.

FUN FACT
On May 14, a Women's National Basketball Association game was played in Canada for the first time ever.

Jayson Tatum of the Boston Celtics, left, and De'Anthony Melton of the Philadelphia 76ers

A pup's predictions



A corgi known as AirCorg on TikTok is a social media star after predicting the winners of the first five games in the Lakers and Warriors playoff series. The dog used his snout to hit a ball into baskets with the teams' logos. The order they went in matched the outcomes.

NBA playoffs down to four teams

This year's National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs are getting closer to the championship. After exciting matchups in the conference semifinals, four teams remain: the Miami Heat and Boston Celtics in the Eastern Conference, and the Los Angeles Lakers and Denver Nuggets in the Western one.

The Nuggets were the first team to make the conference finals. On May 11, they won Game 6 of their series against the Phoenix Suns, 125–100, which allowed them to move on to the next round.

LeBron James

The next day, the Heat secured their spot in the conference finals by beating the New York Knicks, 96–92, in Game 6 of their series. The Heat began as the eighth seeded team in the East, the lowest ranking. Only one other eighth seed has ever made it this far in NBA playoff history.

In another Game 6 on May 12, the Lakers took down the defending champions, the Golden State Warriors, with a 122–101 win. Lakers star LeBron James had 30 points, nine rebounds, and nine assists. The playoffs have been part of a big turnaround for the team, who won just two of their first 12 games this season. At the midpoint of the season, they were in 13th place.

The last team to advance was the Celtics, whose series with the Philadelphia 76ers was tied 3–3 going into their Game 7 on May 14. The Celtics won it, 112–88. The 76ers had gotten off to a hot start in the game, but the Celtics mounted a comeback in the second quarter. They had a 55–52 lead going into halftime and outscored the 76ers 33–10 in the third quarter.

Celtics forward Jayson Tatum scored 51 points in the game, the most of any player in a Game 7 in NBA playoff history. The previous record of 50 points had been set by Warriors guard Stephen Curry in the first round of this year's playoffs.

The conference finals are now underway. This is the third time in the past four years that the Celtics and Heat will play for the title in the East. All four teams in this year's conference finals also played in the 2020 conference finals. In that postseason, the Lakers went on to defeat the Heat in the NBA Championship Final.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS...

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

In Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals of the Stanley Cup Playoffs on May 15, the Dallas Stars beat the Seattle Kraken, 2–1, to become the last team to earn a spot in the conference finals. The Stars now face the Western Conference top seed, the Vegas Golden Knights. The two teams that made it to the Eastern Conference finals are the top-seeded Carolina Hurricanes and the Florida Panthers.

Stanford University's Jackie King

COLLEGE BASEBALL

On May 13, Florida Memorial University (FMU) won the 2023 Black College World Series, a tournament for teams from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). FMU beat Albany State, 5–4, in 19 innings.

COLLEGE WATER POLO

Stanford University's women's team beat the University of Southern California, 11–9, on May 14 to win their second straight national title and ninth title overall, the most of any college.

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DID YOU KNOW? The first Women's FA Cup final was played in 1971.

Chelsea players celebrating their win on May 14

Chelsea wins third consecutive FA Cup

On May 14, Chelsea defeated Manchester United, 1–0, to win this year's women's FA Cup title. The FA Cup is a months-long tournament between English soccer clubs. This was Chelsea's third FA Cup win in three years.

The final was played in front of a sold-out crowd of 77,390 at Wembley Stadium in London, England. It set a new attendance record for a women's domestic soccer match.

Manchester United had never made it to a major cup final before this year, and they got the match off to an exciting start. In the first minute, it appeared as if the team had scored, but the goal was then disallowed because a player was offside. Manchester United created a few more scoring chances in the first half, including a shot that hit off the post, but they were unable to get a shot past Chelsea goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger. Both defenses played brilliantly, and the teams went into the halftime break tied at 0–0.

In the second half, the teams traded scoring opportunities. With 35 minutes remaining in the match, Chelsea made a substitution and brought in Pernille Harder. She generated a handful of scoring chances for her team, including an important one in the 67th minute. She made a cross (long pass) that found the foot of her teammate Sam Kerr, who buried a shot into the back of the net, giving Chelsea a 1–0 lead. Kerr celebrated with a cartwheel and backflip.

This was the third consecutive year that Kerr scored in the FA Cup final. It has been more than a decade since a player accomplished that feat. Berger, meanwhile, made five saves in the win.

COACH OF THE WEEK

Coach's Name: **Kai Sung**

Sport: **Swimming**

"Coach Kai is amazing. He tries to make sure we all try hard in practice so it pays off. He has helped a lot with my butterfly by telling me how to be more efficient. He has a great sense of humor. Whenever we are being a bit crazy during stretching, he says, 'You are not a seal!' He is always happy with our swims even if we add a little bit of time. At my first sectionals, he calmed me down when I was really nervous." Penelope, 9, North Carolina

To nominate a Coach of the Week, send your coach's name, photo, sport, and team to *hello@theweekjunior.com.* Include your name, age, state, and a few reasons why your coach is great.

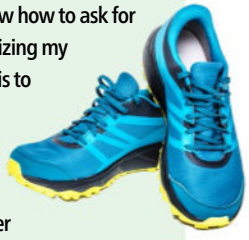
SPOTLIGHT ON...

Molly Joseph

AGE: 22 SPORT: CROSS COUNTRY
TEAM: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Sports switch I grew up playing football with my boy cousins. I loved it. In middle school, I planned on playing football, but then I did a run with my school and the cross country coach told me I was really good. He convinced me to join the team.

Facing challenges I've struggled with depression and with eating healthfully. I knew I needed help, but I didn't know how to ask for it. It took time, but I'm prioritizing my mental health now. My goal is to help people so no one ever feels the way I did.



Training plan I run about seven to eight miles per day, six or seven days per week.

Winning mindset I'm not trying to get better every day to be the best, I'm trying to give my best to get better. That takes so much of the pressure off. I see a race as an opportunity, not a test.

Fine finish One of my favorite things is the fulfilling feeling you get after a run. It's unlike anything I've ever experienced in other sports.

Big idea Last fall, I ordered green ribbons, the international symbol for mental health, and I gave them out to teams at our conference championship. My goal was to have us all come together to support student athlete mental health. I hope it becomes a tradition.

Future plan I'm pursuing a career as a dentist. Two or three times a week, I shadow people in a dental office.

Her advice If you love your sport and want to pursue it at the highest level, go for it—and don't put too much pressure on yourself.

DID YOU KNOW?
The first science fiction film was the French movie *Le Voyage Dans la Lune* (Trip to the Moon), released in 1902.

Crater

An adventure in space

In the new film *Crater*, young friends who live in a lunar colony sneak away on a road trip to discover a special place.

Crater, a new film about a group of kids who live on the Moon, is now streaming on Disney+. It is an emotional story about friends creating special memories and strengthening their bonds during a road trip.

The film is set hundreds of years in the future, at a time when people live and work in a gritty mining colony on the Moon. The main character is Caleb, a boy who has lived his entire life in the colony, played by Isaiah Russell-Bailey, age 17. Caleb is orphaned because his father died working in the mines. As a result, Caleb is going to be sent to live on a faraway planet. Before he goes, he and his friends steal a lunar rover to find a crater that Caleb's parents always wanted him to see.

Isaiah Russell-Bailey

Before filming, the cast attended "Moon camp" so they could learn how to pretend to move in space. "For the way we walked on the Moon, we practiced for two weeks so that everybody could have it look realistic," Russell-Bailey told *The Week Junior.* He said the cast's custom-made spacesuits and helmets were created by a team that also works on Marvel and *Star Wars* films. "The whole process was really fun," Russell-Bailey said.

The film was shot in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and according to the actor, the set for the Moon was like "a big box of gray sand." One of the materials the production team used was similar to cat litter, so it wasn't dusty. Moon rocks were actually made out of foam.

Russell-Bailey said the film is about friendship, grieving, and going to new places. "I feel like it would inspire others to take risks, conquer fears, and take the journey into the unknown," he said.

3 more space films

Treasure Planet

This 2002 animated film is based on the adventure novel *Treasure Island.* The original story took place at sea, but this one is set on a ship that flies through space.

Apollo 13

In 1970, NASA (the US space agency) attempted its third landing on the Moon. While the astronauts were in space, an explosion in their command module put their lives at risk. The 1995 film tells the dramatic story of what happened.

Mercury 13

In the 1960s, women could not be astronauts, but a group of female pilots took part in an unofficial program called First Lady Astronaut Trainees. This 2018 documentary is about them.

Gremlins: Secrets of the Mogwai

Classic furry creature returns

A new animated series is reviving characters from the popular live-action *Gremlins* horror-comedy films from the 1980s and 1990s. *Gremlins: Secrets of the Mogwai* tells the origin story of sweet, furry creatures called Mogwai that turn into destructive monsters if they get wet, eat after midnight, or are exposed to bright lights. The show arrives on Max on May 23.

Secrets of the Mogwai is set in the 1920s in Shanghai, China. It centers on 10-year-old Sam Wing and a Mogwai named Gizmo. In the first *Gremlins* film, Sam was an elderly shop owner with a Mogwai. In the show, young Sam finds Gizmo, who is lost, and sets out on a dangerous quest to get him home.

Gizmo

While existing *Gremlins* fans can look forward to learning more about the Mogwai, the series was also made with new audiences in mind. Showrunner and executive producer Tze Chun and executive producer Brendan Hay were big *Gremlins* fans growing up, and Chun told *The Week Junior,* "I hope that the viewers fall in love with Gizmo the way that we did when we were their age." Telling the Mogwai's story in a series meant there was room to include some Chinese mythology that the films did not touch on. "We could create an entire world and vast amounts of creatures that Mogwai are connected to and from," Hay told *The Week Junior.*

At the start of the series, Sam is someone who doesn't like to take risks, but his unexpected journey changes him. Hay said it provides a good lesson for young viewers. "There might be scarier things than you were ready for out in the world," he said, "but we believe kids have the strength to get through it."

READER RECOMMENDS

The Villains of Valley View *(Disney+, Disney Now)*
"This TV show is about a family of supervillains who are hiding from the leader of the supervillains, Onyx. While on the run in Texas, they find a house to rent. Unfortunately, their landlady, Celia, really likes to come into the house whenever she wants. The main character, Amy, has a hard time keeping her identity a secret. Her friend Hartley is always there for her and helps the family to be 'normal.' The characters are super sweet to each other (in a subtle way), and I love all of them. It's a hilarious comedy and has made me laugh so much." Juliet, 13, Virginia

Do you have a film or TV show to recommend to other kids? Send your review to *hello@theweekjunior.com.*

THIS WEEK'S WATCH LIST

Attenborough's Wonder of Song
(PBS.org)
In this documentary special, world-famous naturalist Sir David Attenborough highlights songs produced by seven different animal species, including the lyrebird and the humpback whale. He also explores how songs can be essential to survival.

Kitti Katz
(Netflix)
This new animated series follows three soccer-playing teenage girls who have the ability to transform into superheroes with cat-like powers. To save the world from an evil Egyptian goddess, they must collect magic gemstones and close a portal to the underworld.

No Borders, Just Flavors!
(YouTube TV)
United We Dream, a youth-led organization that fights for the rights of immigrants, created this four-part cooking competition. In each episode, two young people from immigrant backgrounds face off in the kitchen using family recipes.

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FUN FACT
A nearly 20-feet-tall playable Donkey Kong arcade game will be on display at the Museum of Play beginning in late June.

The 2023 World Video Game Hall of Fame inductees

Games join the Hall of Fame

Every year since 2015, important electronic games have been added to the World Video Game Hall of Fame at the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, New York. On May 4, Computer Space, Barbie Fashion Designer, Wii Sports, and The Last of Us were inducted as the class of 2023.

Nominees for the hall of fame are suggested by the public and voted on by a panel that includes game designers, journalists, and scholars. This year's finalists included Angry Birds, FIFA International Soccer, and NBA 2K.

Computer Space, released in 1971, was groundbreaking because it was the first coin-operated video game and was available to play in arcades. Before then, games were usually found on computers in private research labs. Barbie Fashion Designer came out in 1996, a time when women and girls were overlooked in the gaming world. The game was a big hit and showed companies they could make games with girls in mind.

Wii Sports got people moving. It was released with the Nintendo Wii gaming system in 2006 and came with remotes that players could swing like equipment as they competed in baseball, golf, and other sports. More than 82 million copies were sold. The Last of Us, released in 2013 and rated for ages 17+, features a story about surviving in a world affected by a mass infection. It was so popular that it was adapted into a TV series.

A Wii system and remotes

Starting in June, the games will be displayed at the museum in a new expansion that will highlight the history of video games.

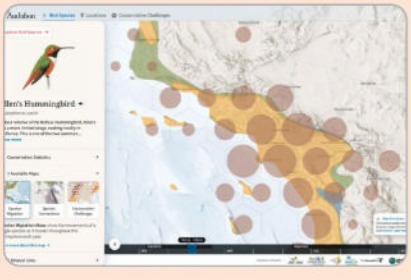
PODCAST OF THE WEEK

BADGER AND THE BLITZ

Major podcast platforms

This new series based on real events takes place in London, England, during World War II (1939–1945). People worried about having enough food for humans and pets, so hundreds of thousands of pets were euthanized (put to death). The story follows a boy and his dog on a heroic adventure.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK



BIRD MIGRATION EXPLORER

explorer.audubon.org

The National Audubon Society, an organization that works to protect birds and their habitats, created this interactive map. It's a guide to the migration journeys of more than 450 bird species. You can choose different types of birds, see their travel routes, and learn facts about them.

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

WHY AREN'T PLANTS BLACK?

tinyurl.com/TWJUS-PlantsBlack

If plants need sunlight to survive, and the color black absorbs all light, it might seem like plants should be black, not green. In this video, Dianna Cowern, a science communicator known as Physics Girl, shares ideas about why plants didn't evolve that way. One is called the Five Hamburger Theory.

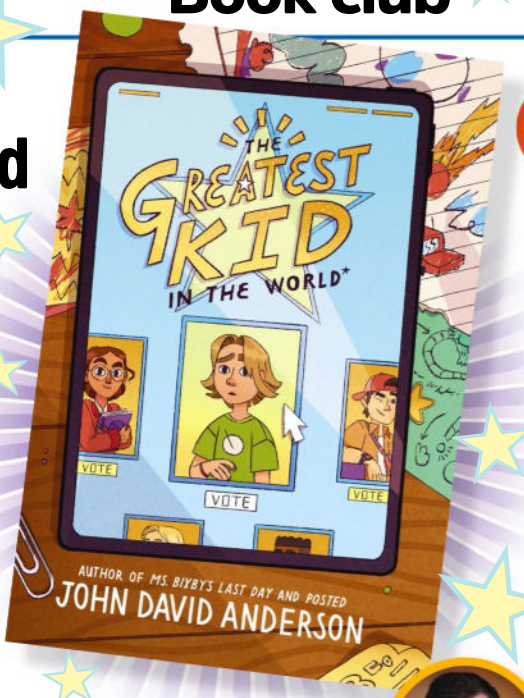
COURTESY OF THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY; ALAMY; FUN KIDS; AUDUBON; PBS DIGITAL STUDIOS

BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Greatest Kid in the World

By John David Anderson
(Walden Pond Press)

Zeke, who is often in trouble for pulling pranks, receives a letter saying he's one of five finalists in the Greatest Kid in the World contest. Zeke thinks the letter is a joke, but when the contest director and a camera operator show up at Zeke's house, he realizes it's real. After they create videos about the finalists' daily lives, the public will vote for the winner. Although almost everyone doubts Zeke can do it, he desperately wants to win the $10,000 grand prize for his family, who needs the money. The first day of filming doesn't go well. To win, Zeke and his family are going to have to do something they haven't done in a long time—work together. The ending is unexpected and satisfying. The book may make you think about what truly makes a person great.



WIN A BOOK!

We're giving away five copies of *The Greatest Kid in the World.*

For a chance to win, send your name and address to *contests@theweekjunior.com* with The Greatest in the subject line. Enter by midnight on June 9. See theweekjunior.com/terms for complete rules.

ASK THE AUTHOR

John David Anderson

We spoke to the author of *The Greatest Kid in the World*.

How was your childhood different from Zeke's?
He has access to the wider world. My world was pretty much my neighborhood, my school, and my home.

What can kids learn from Zeke?
I hope kids feel a sense of empowerment and understand that anyone can be great in small measures.

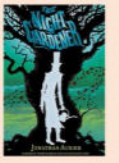
Favorite snack as a kid?
I would come home from school and microwave bologna, like fried bologna. I thought it was the most delicious snack.

Why do you write for middle-grade readers?
Middle-grade readers are sophisticated enough to grapple with complex questions and still willing to go on fantastic journeys.

If you could be the greatest at something, what would it be?
I would be the greatest at building with Legos.

4 books that have fantastic endings

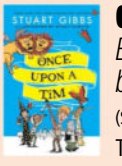
These stories wrap up in particularly exciting or heartwarming ways.



The Night Gardener

By Jonathon Auxier
(Harry N. Abrams)

In this spooky tale set in England in the 1800s, Molly and her brother are orphans who get jobs as servants in a creepy house. There's a twist involving the family who lives there. Molly also discovers an ancient curse and tries to stop it. The ending is incredibly exciting. *Ages 10 and up*



Once Upon a Tim

By Stuart Gibbs, illustrated by Stacy Curtis
(Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)

This story, about a peasant boy who wants to be a knight, ends on a twist. Tim doesn't know how to ride a horse or use a sword, but when a princess needs rescuing, he thinks he can do it. One character is not as brave as he pretends to be. This book is written by the author of the Spy School series. *Ages 7–10*

Three Strike Summer

By Skyler Schrempp
(Margaret K. McElderry Books)

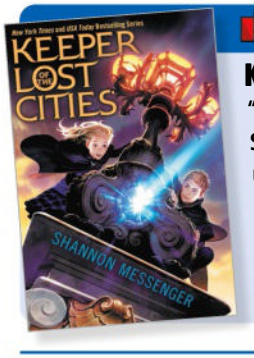
In this historical fiction novel, Glo is upset that her family has to leave their farm in Oklahoma and search for work in California. They get very hard jobs at a peach orchard. Glo joins an all-boys baseball team where she hopes to show them how great she can play. But will they let her? The ending is a home run. *Ages 10 and up*

We Could be Heroes

By Margaret Finnegan
(Atheneum Books for Young Reader)

Maisie asks her classmate Hank, who has autism, to help rescue a dog. The dog, a pit bull, is kept tied to a tree by his elderly owner. As Maisie and Hank conspire to give the dog a better life, they start to become friends. With each rescue attempt, they realize the situation with the dog may not be what it seems. *Ages 8–12*

READER RECOMMENDS



Keeper of the Lost Cities *By Shannon Messenger*

"This is an amazing book series for those who love fantasy. It follows Sophie Foster, a 12-year-old with a secret. For reasons she can't understand, she has telepathic abilities. But everything changes when she meets Fitz, another telepath, and learns there is a place beyond her wildest dreams. To protect her family, she has to leave them behind and start a new life there." Elliott, 11, New York

Do you have a book to recommend? Send your review to *hello@theweekjunior.com*.

BOOKS: COURTESY THE PUBLISHERS; AUTHOR: COURTESY JOHN DAVID ANDERSON

WOW! The Beatles hold the record for the most number-one singles, with 20 songs.

Write your own songs

Follow these steps to express your thoughts and feelings in tunes and lyrics.

Songwriting is an art where you write the lyrics (words) to a song and set them to music. Whether you simply enjoy music or are looking for a creative way to tell a story, it can be a great activity to try. You can use your imagination or draw from personal experiences to create a song. Here's how to get started.

Brainstorm themes

Begin by jotting down ideas for a song in a notebook or a note-taking app. Start with a theme. This could be anything from a friendship to a river you like to sit by to how you feel about summer camp. Once you have a theme, you could write down different words and phrases that are related to the theme. Later, you can draw from this word list as you work on your lyrics. As for a title, some songwriters jot down ideas for a song's name right away, while others wait until the lyrics have been finalized.

Write down words for inspiration.

Consider the structure

Many popular songs are written to include specific elements, such as an introduction, verses, chorus, and a bridge. An introduction is a few lines of lyrics that begin the song. A verse is a new set of lyrics that tell the song's story. After each verse, you could have a chorus, which is a set of lyrics and music that are repeated throughout the song. Toward the end of the song, you could add a bridge, which is a musical passage that connects two sections of a song, such as the final verse and chorus. A bridge should vary in melody from the rest of your song to help add contrast. It can have lyrics but doesn't have to.

Come up with the lyrics

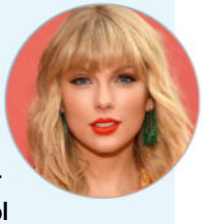
After you've thought about a basic structure, use your word list to write lyrics. As you write, say or sing the words out loud and consider how they sound. Do the verses flow easily? Does what you're trying to express make sense? Consider using catchy writing techniques like alliteration (words that start with the same letter) or rhyming (words that repeat the same ending sound) to help your lyrics flow together.

Set the words to music

Once you've written the lyrics, you're ready to put them to music. If you or a friend plays an instrument, like the guitar or piano, you could work on a simple tune to set your lyrics to. One way to do this is to take a song you already know how to play and start adjusting it to go with your own lyrics. Another option is to sing your lyrics against a wordless music track. (You might have one in your own music collection, or you can find one on YouTube.) Lastly, you could ask an adult to help you use an app like Songify to set your words to music. Once you have a complete song, rehearse it and perform it for family and friends!

4 pop stars who sing *and* write

Not all musical artists write the songs they perform. These singer-songwriters do.



Taylor Swift

When Taylor Swift was a freshman, she wrote "Our Song" for her high school talent show. Later, it was the number-one country song in the US for six straight weeks.

Lionel Richie

Writing songs for himself and others is a major part of Lionel Richie's career. For example, he co-wrote "We Are the World," which many artists sang together to help raise millions of dollars for famine relief in Africa.

Mariah Carey

After writing her first hit at age 17, Mariah Carey went on to hold the record for the most weeks in the number-one spot on the music charts as a songwriter. Her hit songs combined have spent 77 weeks in the top spot.

Billie Eilish

For Billie Eilish, who is famous for popular songs such as "Bad Guy," musical talent runs in the family. She has co-written most of her music with her older brother, Finneas.

PRESS SPRING FLOWERS

Flower pressing is an art in which flowers are flattened and dried. They can then be used as a memento of spring or as decorations for another craft. Follow these easy steps.

1. **Gather blooms.** Pick flowers from your yard or a field that have already bloomed or are about to bloom. (Be sure you have permission to pick them.) Flowers with flat petals—like pansies, geraniums, and flowering weeds—work best.
2. **Arrange and press.** Gently dry wet flowers with a towel. Choose a heavy book and open it to a page toward the middle. Place a piece of scrap paper on a single page, then arrange your flower on top of it. Place another piece of scrap paper on top of the flower, then close the book. Stack more books on top.
3. **Be patient.** Pressing flowers takes time. Leave them inside the book for about a week, then open it up and check them. If they feel dry, remove them. If not, replace the paper and press the flowers for another week.

DID YOU KNOW? One lemon tree can produce up to 600 pounds of lemons each year.

WARNING! Ask an adult's permission before using a knife and food processor.

Whip up no-bake cheesecake bars

Ingredients

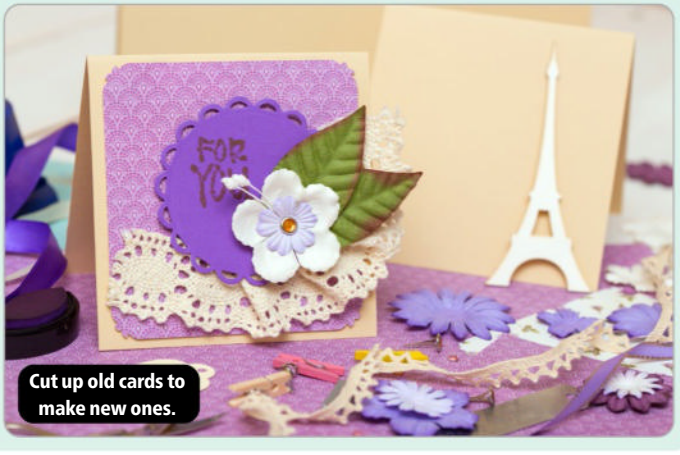
- 12 large graham crackers
- 6 tablespoons (¾ stick) butter, melted
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, at room temperature
- ⅔ cup confectioners' sugar
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Whipped cream, for garnish (optional)
- Lemon slices, for garnish (optional)

Instructions

1. Line an 8-inch baking dish with parchment paper, letting the paper hang over the edges.
2. Make graham cracker crumbs for the crust: Break the crackers into medium-sized pieces and place them in a food processor. With the lid on, run the food processor until the crackers are fine crumbs. Or, instead of using a food processor, place graham crackers in a zip-top plastic bag, then use a rolling pin to crush them into crumbs.
3. In a large bowl, combine 1½ cups of the crumbs, melted butter, and granulated sugar. Press the mixture into the bottom of the pan. Use the back of a measuring cup to make a smooth layer. Refrigerate 1 hour.
4. In a food processor, combine the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, lemon juice, lemon zest, and vanilla. Process until smooth. Pour the mixture into the pan and smooth the top with the back of a spoon.
5. Refrigerate until set, about 3 hours. Lift the parchment by the edges to remove the bars from the pan. Slice into squares with a knife. If you like, garnish each bar with whipped cream and a lemon slice.

ECO TIP OF THE WEEK: UPCYCLE OLD GREETING CARDS

You and your family can help keep old greeting cards out of landfills by recycling them. But some cards can't be recycled. These include cards that play music, have details like bows or glitter, or are made with glossy photo paper. You can still upcycle them, though, by finding new uses for them. For example, you can cut out letters and images of balloons, cake, or flowers and make new, personalized cards for friends by gluing the images onto recycled paper. Another way to reuse old cards is to cut them up and add them as part of a collage. You can also string favorite images from cards together and hang them up as a wall decoration.



Cut up old cards to make new ones.

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Word search

Can you find all these words associated with ballet in the grid? They are hidden horizontally, vertically, or diagonally and can be forward or backward. When you're done, read the remaining letters to get a bonus message.

ARMS
BARRE
BUN
CLASS
DANCE
GRACE
JUMP
LEGS
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PAS DE DEUX
PIROUETTE
PLIÉ
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ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 29.

FOUR IN A ROW

Place four of the letters below to complete the first pair of words, in the same order in both words. Use the remaining four letters to complete the second pair of words, in the same order in both words.

B E L N O R U W

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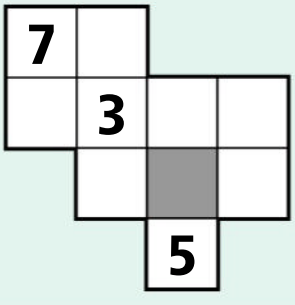
□IN□C□LA□S

K□O□□EDG□
MEA□□HI□□

Out of order

The numbers 1 to 9 can fit, one per square, so that no two consecutive numbers are in squares that touch in any way, even at a corner. Use the numbers already given to figure out where the rest of the numbers go.



FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the blanks in each sentence with two words so the second word is the same as the first word with the last letter dropped, like BATH and BAT. (NEED A HINT? Check the bottom of the page.)

1. The ___ ___ ___ ___ of the fireplace company shows a burning ___ ___ ___ with the company's name spelled out in the flames.
2. I helped my father ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ the old wallpaper off the bathroom wall until not even a tiny ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ was left.
3. For our flower diorama, we painted petals with ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ colors like lilac and pink, then stuck them to our cardboard daisies with ___ ___ ___ ___ ___.

Spot the difference

These two pictures of pancakes appear to be the same, but take a closer look. There are actually five differences. Can you see them?

PUZZLES BY PUZZABILITY

Fill in the blanks hint: The words in sentence 3 start with P.

Airport delay really stings

Passengers on a Delta Air Lines flight from Houston to Atlanta couldn't bee-lieve it when their plane was delayed by buzzing insects. As the plane waited at the gate, a swarm of bees gathered on its wing. A Delta spokesperson joked that the bees probably wanted to "share the latest about flying conditions at the airport." One passenger documented the four-hour saga on Twitter as airport staff called a beekeeper, then tried blowing exhaust at the bees, and finally turned on the engine, at which point the bees buzzed off and the plane was free to depart.

A perplexing pasta pile

Spaghetti shenanigans caused a stir in the small New Jersey township of Old Bridge. On local Facebook groups, a resident posted photos of an estimated 300 to 400 pounds of pasta on the ground. It appeared that someone had dumped 15 wheelbarrow loads of spaghetti and elbow macaroni in the woods, but nobody knows who did it—or why. Police are investigating, and the town has since cleaned up the pasta mounds. One person said on social media, "I can fix this. . .just give me time to gather 3-400 cups of marinara sauce."

Sheep journey brings joy

Why did the sheep cross the road? It wasn't because they received baa-d directions. In fact, it was an animal crossing that occurs every year in Eagle, Idaho. Each spring, the sheep make their way across hills and highways to their summer home in the Boise National Forest. Hundreds of people gathered to watch on April 24 as about 2,600 fluffy lambs and ewes filled the road, escorted by ranchers and herding dogs. "All year long, I have been waiting for this to come back," said resident Julie McClellan. "It was just so delightful."

An art thief's delicious downfall

A college student nearly pulled off a one-man robbery at a South Korean art museum when he grabbed a famous work by the artist Maurizio Cattelan and ran for the exit. The artwork, titled *Comedian*, consisted of a banana duct-taped to a wall and was worth about $120,000. Police soon spotted the thief a few blocks away at an ice cream shop, where he reportedly asked an employee to turn the stolen artwork into a banana split. Is this story real, or is it an ap-peel-ing lie?*

*Fake! The student, Noh Hyun-soo, did not steal the banana and run—he ate it. Noh untaped the fruit and devoured it, saying he was hungry after skipping breakfast. He then returned the empty peel to its place on the wall.

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Your turn

Editor's note

It's always exciting for *The Week Junior* team when the Pulitzer Prize winners are announced (p2). As journalists ourselves, we are thrilled to see other journalists receive recognition for their work.

This year we were especially delighted when Eli Saslow won the Feature Writing prize for a series of articles in *The Washington Post* about people experiencing homelessness, educational inequality, and other difficulties. Eli has been a wonderful friend to *The Week Junior*. In 2021, he spoke to two of our Junior Council classes about his work, demonstrating an incredible breadth of knowledge and deep compassion for the people he interviewed. One thing he said made a particularly strong impact on me: "I try to remember the true act of courage isn't me asking questions. It's the person I'm writing about, having the courage to tell their story." Our warmest congratulations to Eli and all the Pulitzer winners.

Andrea Barbalich
Editor-in-Chief

CHARITY OF THE WEEK

All Hands and Hearts

This organization works to rebuild communities after disasters. It enlists volunteers to help rebuild schools and homes in areas affected by storms, earthquakes, and wars. The group works with communities to learn about their needs and engages with them in long-term rebuilding plans. In California, Turkey, Ukraine, and other places, it has helped more than 1.2 million people. Find out more at allhandsandhearts.org.

All Hands and Hearts

Akira, 9 (right), with Kiara, 6, New Jersey

Recycling batteries for Earth Day

"My sister Kiara and I joined a group called Recycle My Battery during spring break. We placed recycling bins in library branches in Woodbridge township. On Earth Day, the director invited us to join the public library booth, and we asked people to not throw away batteries because they could go into landfills. Some batteries also have toxic chemicals in them. I collected 236 batteries that day. We also placed recycling bins at our school. We would like to raise awareness and encourage everyone to recycle their batteries."

Have you done something interesting or raised money for a cause you care about? Whatever you're up to, we want to hear about it at *hello@theweekjunior.com.*

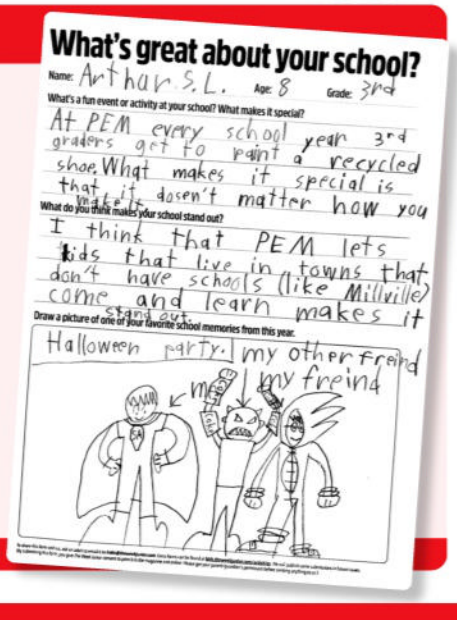
RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

What word changes into French just by changing one letter?

Wrench

Tell us about your school!

Arthur, who is 8 years old and in third grade, told us that third graders at his school get to paint a recycled shoe every year—and that the activity is special because it doesn't matter how kids make it. One of his favorite school memories this year was the Halloween party. If you want to share what's great about your school, go to kids.theweekjunior.com/activities to print out a form. Fill it out, then have an adult email it to us at *hello@theweekjunior.com.* We'll feature some of the submissions on this page in future issues.


What's great about your school?
Name: Arthur S. L. Age: 8 Grade: 3rd
What's a fun event or activity at your school? What makes it special?
At PEM every school year 3rd graders get to paint a recycled shoe. What makes it special is that it dosen't matter how you make it.
What do you think makes your school stand out?
I think that PEM lets kids that live in towns that don't have schools (like Millville) come and learn makes it stand out.
Draw a picture of one of your favorite school memories from this year.
Halloween party. my other friend my freind

THE WEEK Junior IT'S YOUR TURN Email your news, views, and photos to *hello@theweekjunior.com.*

Your turn

YOUR PHOTOS

We'd love to see pictures you've taken or pictures with you in them! Have an adult email them to us at *hello@theweekjunior.com*, along with anything you would like us to know about what you're doing in the photo.

"As an NBA fan, I always know I can count on *The Week Junior* sports section to keep me updated on the NBA playoffs!" Oren, 11, Rhode Island

"I wanted to share that I loved the Fruit Blast Smoothie in the April 14 issue. It's my new favorite smoothie! Thanks so much." Ellie, 9, New York

"I made this artwork using the renewal cards from *The Week Junior*. I love your magazine and read it cover to cover as soon as it comes in the mail." Benjamin, 10, North Carolina

Teacher OF THE WEEK

Teacher's Name: **Mrs. Vella**

School: **Linda Vista Elementary**

"Mrs. Vella is the best teacher! She is smart and kind, and she has a great sense of humor. She encourages us to have discussions and debates as part of our learning, which makes class more interesting. I honestly look forward to school with Mrs. Vella as my teacher! I am very privileged to be in her class."

Avery, 10, California

Nominate your teacher for Teacher of the Week!
Send your reason for the nomination, a photo of your teacher, and your school's name and address to *hello@theweekjunior.com*.

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Puzzle answers (from page 26)

Word search
Unused letters: A tutu can take ninety hours to make.

Four in a row
boulder, binoculars
knowledge, meanwhile

Fill in the blanks
1. logo, log
2. scrape, scrap
3. pastel, paste

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Quiz answers (from page 30)
1 Buddy Holly **2** a) Bees **3** True **4** b) 1920s **5** The Original Pancake House **6** b) 1871 **7** Home runs **8** False. They live on the Moon. **9** c) Pittsburgh Pirates **10** 66 **11** True **12** b) Pulitzer Prizes **13** Pulling pranks **14** False. Horses have been there since the early 1600s. **15** c) Wii Sports

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How much of this week's news can you remember?

1 What is the name of the dog who won Best in Show at this year's Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show?

2 An airplane flight was recently delayed when a swarm of which type of insects gathered on its wing?

a) Bees b) Flies c) Mosquitoes

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

3 True or false? Ryosuke Takashima, the youngest person to serve as a mayor in Japanese history, is 26 years old.

True ☐ False ☐

4 The animated series *Gremlins: Secrets of the Mogwai* is set in which decade?

a) 1890s b) 1920s c) 1980s

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

5 What was the name of the first restaurant dedicated to pancakes?

ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 29.

6 In what year was Chinatown in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, founded?

a) 1771 b) 1871 c) 1971

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

7 Rising temperatures have contributed to an increase in what baseball feat?

8 True or false? The new film *Crater* is about a group of kids who live on Mars.

True ☐ False ☐

9 Baseball player Drew Maggi made his Major League debut for what team?

a) Philadelphia Phillies

b) Cleveland Guardians

c) Pittsburgh Pirates

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

10 Fatou, the world's oldest known living gorilla, recently turned what age?

11 True or false? *Sesame Street*'s new character TJ is the first Filipino muppet.

True ☐ False ☐

12 What are the top US awards in journalism and the arts called?

a) Nobel Prizes b) Pulitzer Prizes

c) New York Prizes

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

13 In the book *The Greatest Kid in the World*, the main character, Zeke, gets in trouble for doing what?

14 True or false? Horses came to the American West after 1680.

True ☐ False ☐

15 Which of these was recently inducted into the World Video Game Hall of Fame?

a) Mario Kart 64 b) Animal Crossing

c) Wii Sports

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

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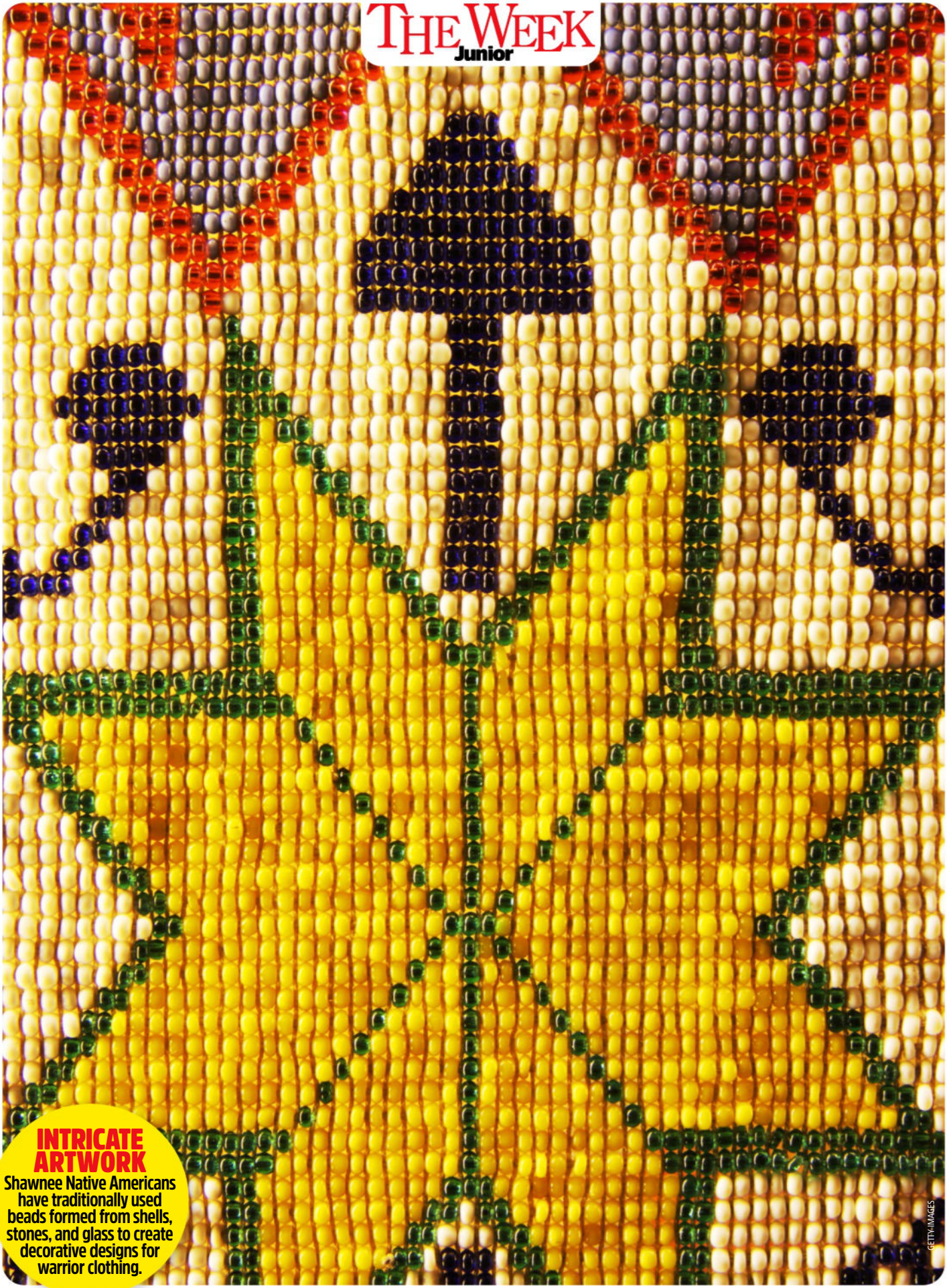

INTRICATE ARTWORK

Shawnee Native Americans have traditionally used beads formed from shells, stones, and glass to create decorative designs for warrior clothing.

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